Aid to Sikh terrorists by China

*44. SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:† SHRI SURAJ PRASAD :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that China is giving training to the Sikh terrorists;

(b) whether Government have sent any protest to China ; and

(c) if so, what reply has been received ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) There have been some press reports that China has been aiding the cause of Sikh terrorists. However, there is no confirmation in this regard. The Chinese Government have also stated on 19th March, 1986 that "reports carried by a few foreign newspapers about Sikh terrorists of India receiving assistance from China are surely a false rumour and not worth refuting".

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA : Sir, it is good that the honourable Minister has trusted the Chinese Government when they have denied this and have said that they are doing no such thing. But from this arises another question. Now, Sir, a news item appeared in the "Statesman" from sources in the USA on the basis of an article written by a gentleman who has now become quite notorious for running a camp in Alabama for training terrorists, international terrorists, including Sikh extremists as well. Now, it is this gentleman who has made this allegation. What steps has the Government of India taken to make a representation to the Government of the USA against this gentleman who, in order to cover up his own criminal activities, is making all sorts of unfounded allegations ?

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Indradeep Sinha.

SHRI K. MOHANAN : Is he a gentleman ?

SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN: Sir, the honourable Member has said that he is glad that we have trusted the Chinese Government. We have certainly trust friendly Governments. But we are also vigilant at the same time.

Sir, with regard to the question of representation, we have taken up with the US Government the question of Frank Camper running such a school in the United States for training terrorists who indulge in activities against India too. On that issue we have already made representations to the U.S. Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Second supplementary, Mr. Sinha.

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA : Sir, ...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Unfortunately, second is over. The question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Confidential reports of Government Employees

*45. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Time ripe for major administrative reforms" appearing in the Times of India of 23rd March, 1986; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to treat expunged adverse confidential reports as highly favourable to the affected officer in the mentioned new type of confidential reports ?